

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 1, insert the following heading:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION:

Page 1, before the paragraph beginning on line 3, insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 4 as follows:

Document DE 38 11 790 A1 discloses, for example, a rolling mill drive with an articulated spindle with curved toothing. In the case of the axially shiftable articulated spindles arranged between the pinion and work rolls, the spindle joint consists of a coupling wobbler with curved toothing and a coupling sleeve with internal toothing that surrounds this wobbler. The coupling sleeves are pushed onto the shaft necks of the pinion and work roll. The articulated spindle is guided between the coupling sleeves by means of support elements arranged in the region of the shaft axis

and by means of axially adjustable plungers. To compensate the axial displacement of the work roll connected to the articulated spindle, the internal toothing of the coupling sleeve extends beyond the curved toothing of the wobbler with a least a supporting length  $[[L]]$ , which corresponds to the length of the possible axial displacement of the articulated shafts.

Page 6, before the paragraph beginning on line 21, insert the following heading:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 9, before the paragraph beginning on line 8, insert the following heading:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING:**

Page 9, before the paragraph beginning on line 12, insert the following heading:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION:**

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Please delete the original abstract and, after the last page of the application, add the Abstract of the Disclosure which is attached hereto on a separate sheet.